cargo before customs clearance has been brought to the Government's notice.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Publishing of Koranic Prayer with SBI Logo at Bank's Cost

1296. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Branch Manager (Development and Personnel) of State Bank of India's main Branch at Chennai has published huge number of copies of Koranic Prayer with SBI logo over it at Bank's cost;

(b) if so, what is the cost of these books published in the New Art Printers, Akbar Sahib Street Chennai; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that these books are to be distributed through the network of SBI branches all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: (a) to (c) The State Bank of India (SBI) has reported that their Zonal Office Ernakulam, and not their Chennai Main Branch had got printed 2000 copies of Koranic prayers with SBI logo from New Art Printers, Chennai at a cost of Rs. 9/- per copy. Non Resident Indians as well as valuable Muslim constituents who have sizable deposit connections with branches in Kerala State were greeted with the prayer book during the month of Ramzan.

Ratio of Capital Expenditure

1297. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the year-wise ratio of capital expenditure to the Budget for 1990-91 onward, till date;

(b) whether it is showing declining trend;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to reverse the trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATEL): (a) The year-wise ratio of capital expenditure to the total expenditure for 1990-91 onwards is as follows:

(Rs. Crore)

year	Capital Expenditure@	Total Expenditure@	Ratio of Capital expenditure to total expenditure
1990-91	24706	98222	25.15
1991-92	23641	105933	22.32
1992-93	25652	118354	21.67
1993-94	28684	136853	20.96
1994-95	28954	151066	19.17
1995-96	29424	168285	16.89
1996-97	31403	190336	16.50
1997-98	35986	216336	16.63
1998-99	38921	256340	15.18
1999-2000(RE)	50702	303738	16.69
2000-2001(BE)	57389	338487	16.95

@ Excluding Loans to State Governments against Small Savings Collections

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The decline in capital expenditure is mainly due to the following reasons:

(i) Deu to increase in revenue deficit, a significant portion of borrowings are used to finance current expenditure.

(ii) Since 1993-94, Central Public Sector Undertakings are accessing external loans direct rather than these being routed through the budget. Public Sector Undertakings are also raising resources from domestic market;

(d) It is the constant endeavour of the Government to keep the revenue deficit at minimum possible.

100 Per cent Excise Duty Exemption on Cigarette Manufacturing in Assam

1298. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the reasons for 100 per cent excise duty exemption on cigarette manufacturing in Assam and other North-Eastern States while tobacco is a major cause for cancer?